

Minutes of the Lutton Annual Parish Meeting

Held on 23rd May 2022 at 7pm in Lutton Village Hall.

Minutes taken by Chris Cowdery.

Chairman: Carrie Walsh.

Parish Council: Mike Smurthwaite, Chris Cowdery, Jill Eaton.

Clerk: Joyce Evans.

And 6 parishioners.

Mrs. Walsh was nominated as Chairman for this meeting, and she welcomed everybody.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, held on 24th May 2021 were agreed as being accurate.

2. Dog bins.

A new dog bin has been located adjacent to the entrance of the old Playing Field on Tansor Road (aka Papley Lane)

3. Road Markings.

Some road markings within the parish have been renewed where excessively worn.

4. Outstanding requests for highway and safety improvements.

The following list of items have been requested of the Unitary Authority, but have yet to come to fruition:

- 'Fake' gates at the entrance(s) to the village.
- 40MPH speed limit approaching the village, particularly at the Oundle end.
- Footpath between Tansor Road (aka Papley Lane) and Luddington House.
- Footpath between Chapel End and Lutton Farm.
- Children Crossing signs near the Village Hall.
- Chevrons on various sharp corners.
- A new finger post at the Lutton end of the road to High Holborn Farm and Glatton.
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Painted chicanes were also suggested as a low cost traffic calming measure.

The Parish Council observed that they do not have funds to pay for such measures.

The precept would have to be raised if such measures were to be paid for by the Parish Council. They are therefore beholden to the Unitary Authority.

5. Speed Survey.

A PCSO armed with a hand held speed camera was present outside Grange Farm on 22nd May. The fastest recorded speed was 34MPH. The Officer will return another time to gather more data.

A member of the public suggested that a private speed survey had been taken outside Woodbine Farm, and that this data might be useful to inform the debate.

Jill Eaton offered to investigate the idea of 30MPH signs on bins which would be effective for 1 day a week.

6. Solar Village.

Carrie Walsh described a scheme where local communities can team up to obtain preferential pricing for domestic solar panel installations. Danny Moody (NCALC) will write as a representative of the Parish Council that he is on, Carrie Walsh will write from Lutton PC, with the hope that North Northants Council will start a campaign to support this.
<https://solartogether.co.uk>

7. Jubilee Trees.

Two village farmers have expressed an interest in Jubilee Trees.

8. Jubilee Seat.

The Jubilee Seat which surrounds a Jubilee Tree (50th?) is becoming rotten. Nobody present at the meeting could recall where the seat came from.

It was suggested that the village charity might consider funding a new seat if a quotation could be obtained. It would be timely as we are in another Jubilee year.

9. Playing Field.

The new hedge will be tidied up during Autumn or Winter.

The lease with Milton Estate has been renewed for another 5 years, taking us to 2027.

Much discussion ensued about the provision of more play equipment. The salient points being:

- Milton Estate would have to approve any play equipment.
- The cost would have to be met with either fundraising or a grant.
- The insurance implications would have to be understood.
- A soft surface may have to be provided.
- Suggestions included a roundabout, a climbing frame, and a tunnel (pipe + pile of soil).
- The most likely route to success would be for somebody to champion the cause and drive it forward.

10. Jubilee Celebrations - 12th June.

The Parish Council have grant funding of £1000 for about 80 people for a Hog Roast.

About 70 people have expressed an interest. Carrie Walsh is refining the list.

It would be nice for somebody to step forward and organise some games for the children.

The event will start around 1pm.

11. Joint Lutton Farm / Village event.

Interest has been expressed by Lutton Farm for an event to promote integration between this years pickers and the local community.

12. Footpaths.

A report was received from a member of the public regarding a dangerous stile at the start of Footpath NL2. In the first instance, these should be reported via the Street Doctor website: <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/>

Both Chris Cowdery and Carrie Walsh offered to follow up / report this issue if required.